

THE BRITISH COLONIST

Thursday Morning, Feb. 1, 1866.

COMMERCIAL

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

MESSRS. FRANKLIN will sell at their sales room, at 12 o'clock, noon, by direction of W. H. Adams, Trustees, for the benefit of the creditors of Edgar & Aime, all that piece of Land on the western side of St. George street, the northern half of Lot 123, in the City of Victoria; also, Lots 4, 5, and 6 on Cook street, Victoria; also Lot 48 on Alfred street; part of Suburban Lot 19; also, that parcel of land, being Town Lots 1008, 1010, and 784.

VALUE OF EXPORTS.

From Victoria V. I., to American Ports
For the Month ending January 31, 1865.

TO PORT ANGELOS.	Total.
Assorted Goods \$125 61. Household goods \$100 00	
Iron..... 35 00 second-hand..... 35 00	
Brandy..... 61 75 Cutlery..... 95 75	
Liquors..... 137 00	
Total.....\$1,992 54	
TO ASTORIA.	Total.
Tin.....\$184 62. Smoked herring 18 50	
Terne plate..... 35 75. Ale..... 36 20	
Brandy..... 61 75. Cutlery..... 95 75	
Coffee..... 1327 44. Grass Seeds..... 12 75	
Miscellaneous..... 271 74. Seeds..... 61 75	
Total.....\$4,387 85	

TO SAN FRANCISCO.....\$2,831 13

RECAPITULATION.

To Port Angeles.....\$1,992 54	
Astoria..... 4,387 85	
San Francisco..... 2,831 13	
Grand Total.....\$9,211 52	

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.

present time this city.

Jan. 31.—Sch. Discovery, Rudin, Nainaimo
Slip Ketrals, George, Port Angeles
Sch. Nainaimo, Port, Phillips, Comax
Sch. Alpha, George, Port Angeles

CLEARED.

Jan. 31.—Bark Mary, Williams, San Juan
Sch. Mack, Merrick, Pampel, Nainaimo
Sch. Mack, Diamond, San Juan
Slip Ketrals, George, Port Angeles

DEPARTED.

At San Juan Island, on the 16th instant, the wife of Mr. Robert Firth of a daughter.

DEED.

In this city, on the 30th January, Margaret, daughter of R. and M. Firth, was married to the funeral will take place this day from her parents' residence, corner of Government and Brighton streets, at 3 p.m.

NARROW ESCAPE.

From Captain Irving we learn the following particulars of the loss of the mail bag from Portland and narrow escape of himself and companions. Captain Irving left Portland in company with Mr. Powell and the mail carrier; they found the road in very bad condition owing to the quantity of snow and the heavy rain that had been falling during the previous three or four days the creeks had become swollen, and in some places the bridges were carried away or were floating. They reached a creek three miles on the other side of Brew's at night, and found the bridge gone. The mail carrier took the horse and instantly horse and rider disappeared. When the horse was next seen the mail bag was gone and the rider had managed to scramble to the opposite shore. Captain Irving and Mr. Powell swam their horses across in safety. All suffered severely from wet and cold.

MAN DROWNED.

From an extract taken from a letter dated Comox, January 26th, from Mr. John Holden to a gentleman in this city, we learn that on the 2nd inst. Mr. Moses Phillips, Mr. John Hughes, and a half-breed named Louis, of the schooner Nainaimo, left shore in a boat to go on board the schooner which at some little distance from the shore and that owing to missing their way in a fog the boat was unfortunately capsized and Hughes drowned. Phillips and the half-breed were with difficulty saved by two men on shore who heard their cries for assistance. The boat was laden with fire-wood.

GOT IN A PICKLE.

Jack, an Indian boy, was charged yesterday in the Police Court with stealing some bottles of pickles and other things from the kitchen of the House of Justice. The offence was proved, and the officer Taylor stated that he was used to a convict conveyed to jail knocked his fist through a window. Jack said he hoped himself to be a magistrate thinking they were useless. The magistrate gave him the benefit of the Juvenile Offenders' Act, and fined him \$20 for the theft and \$5 for the damage.

TRENDONOUS FRESHET AT LEACH RIVER.

We learn from Mr. A. Barnett, expressman, that the greatest flood that has yet been known at Leach River occurred on Friday night, from the heavy rain fall. Cabins were swept away and stores flooded three feet deep. Work was for a time entirely suspended, but the waters have now abated considerably, and work is partially resumed. The snow on the trail is fast disappearing, and travelling easy.

DEBATING SOCIETY.

The question for this evening's debate is: Resolved, That the life and actions of Napoleon the First entered a greater amount of good than evil on mankind. Mr. W. K. Bull opened the debate in the affirmative, followed by Mr. Lorimer in support of the negative.

POINT CLINT.

Some beautiful designs in this new and fashionable lace, now so much worn in Paris and London, have been received by last Express at the London House; also, a fresh assortment of Corded Silks, Flannel Morning Dresses, the new make of Winceys, Oxysized Silver, and other Buttons and Trimmings.

SPANISH AND FRENCH CLASSES.—MONS. B. DUFFS.

Graduate of the Academie de Paris, has opened classes in Spanish and French. The Spanish class meet at 7 o'clock, p. m., on the evenings of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; and the French class on the evenings of Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Parties desirous of learning Spanish or French will do well to join the classes early, as the terms of the above useful languages are laid down in the first lessons. Private lessons given if desired. Mons. B. Duffs may be found at his residence, next door to the Colonist office, Langley street.

CAUTION TO MINERS GOING TO BIG BEND.

No one should start for these mines without being quite sure that his teeth are in good order. F. W. Cave, Dentist, Tronche Alley, opposite the Court House, is still practicing his profession at English prices.

PRINCE OF WALES.—MRS. HALL, recently from "Dunlop" from Townsend & Co., London, a fine article of the above stylish and fashionable Hats.—ADAMS, Plumber, Hatter, Government street and Tronche Alley.

FOR THE COAT WEATHER.—Superior 10 4 and 12-4 heavy Watney Family Blankets for sale at Victoria House at low prices. Also, Ladies' Real Seal Mantles and Sable Colonnades and Muffs, and other desirable winter goods.

FOZEN.—We have news from Capt. Borland's Company of Oregon Infantry, which we hope is exaggerated. It seems that the company marched from Camp Lyon in the Owyhee country, some weeks since, to come down the Columbia river to be mustered out of service. In coming down Snake river, the command was out in the late severe weather and some twenty of the men had their hands, feet, or limbs frozen. It is feared that more than a dozen of them will have to submit to amputation more or less serious. The men were halted on Powder river until arrangements could be completed for the treatment of the injured men. This is one of the results of ordering in the Volunteers in the worst season of the year, and by it a dozen men are turned out on the world crippled.—*Idaho Mountaineer.*

DIAMOND MINES.—The diamond fever, says the Owyhee Avalanche of the 8th December, has been raging furiously for the past week.

This excitement is one that has either diamonds or crystals, which stand every known diamond test, for a foundation. Col. Fogus, G. Collier Robbins, Messrs. Dowey and Musgrave, have each subjected these crystals to the severest tests known, and they are convinced of the existence of genuine diamonds in the new district. The crystals found are small, from the size of a grain of sand to that of a small grain of wheat, but they exist all over a tract of country forty miles square. Viewed with a glass they present the shape and true diamond face.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—Mr. Mooley and another man, with two Indians, arrived last evening in a canoe from New Westminster.

They left New Westminster on Tuesday afternoon, and the mouth of the river early yesterday morning. They report the river open above New Westminster. The canoe, which was built from home, where she had been frozen in New Westminster, and left on Tuesday for Yale. Dietz & Nelsons Messenger had arrived at New Westminster, seven days from Yale. The steamer Enterprise was near Plumper Pass.

SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY.—Messrs. Franklin & Co. will sell at their salesroom to day, by direction of W. R. H. Adams, Esq., trustee, for the benefit of the creditors of Messrs. Edgar & Aime, the valuable leasehold estate on west side of Store street, northern half of Lot 128, with several years to run; also, freehold estate, lots 4, 5 and 6, in picket fence, on Cook street; lot No. 48, Alfred street, and town lots 1008, 1010 and 784.

INQUESTS.—The Coroner will hold an inquest to-day at 1 p.m., in the Police Court, on the body of John Alfred Hughes, made of the Nainaimo Packet, which was recently drowned at Comox. The inquest on the body of Reviere was concluded last evening. After the evidence of Mr. Searby, Analytical Chemist, who examined the stomach, and Dr. Haggin had been heard, the Jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

JOURNALISTIC.—The New York Tribune on the 1st ult., divided among its stockholders \$50,000, as the profits of four months' business. The entire original stock of the institution was only \$100,000. It is also stated that the Chicago Republican has a working capital of five hundred thousand dollars, and spends six hundred dollars a week for editorial labour and correspondence. Charles A. Dana, late Assistant Secretary of War, and formerly of the New York Tribune, is at the head of the paper.

STRALING BLANKETS.—George, a Sicken Indian, was yesterday fined, under the Juvenile Offenders' Act, \$20 or a month's imprisonment, for stealing two blankets from a squaw.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.—We publish elsewhere, from the Government Gazette, the correspondence between Governor Kennedy and the Home authorities relative to postal matters in this colony.

THE PRURITY CASE.—The efforts of the police to discover the whereabouts of Michael Carey have proved futile. It is generally supposed that he has left the city for parts unknown.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The committee of the Victoria Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society will meet this evening, at 7 o'clock, in Smith's building.

FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—A fine schooner left yesterday morning for New Westminster, bound for Fraser river with passengers and freight.

FOR NAINAIMO.—The steamer Emily Harris sailed yesterday for the above port with ten tons of freight, some live stock, and several passengers.

FROM THE NORTH.—The schooner Nainaimo Packet, Captain Phillips, arrived yesterday from the North with a cargo of furs and skins.

REPAIRING.—The bark Dominga hauled over to Lang's ship-yard yesterday for repairs.

H. M. S. ALERT left Esquimalt yesterday morning at 8 o'clock for Nainaimo to coal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31, 1866.

Council met at 2:15 p.m. Present.—The Hon. Chief Justice presiding, Hon. Colonial Secretary, Attorney General, Treasurer, Surveyor General, R. Finlayson.

HARROWED RAILWAY CO.

The Hon. Donald Fraser as Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to take evidence on the petitions presented to the Council for and against the Harrowed Railway Extension Bill, reported that although the opposition of the Vancouver Coal Co. was a natural one, still the Committee had come to the conclusion after hearing one witness and having the advantage of the personal assistance of the Surveyor General that no sufficient cause had been shown why the extension of time prayed for by the Harrowed Co. should not be granted.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary moved that the report be received and entered accordingly on the minutes.

The Hon. Chief Justice suggested as this was the first instance of the kind in which the Council had exercised one of its most important and sacred functions—a legal function in which the rights to property were involved, the House should be careful in establishing a precedent, and he thought therefore the whole matter on which the Select Committee had based its conclusion (which might be a correct one) should be placed before the Council so that the Council should not, so to speak, surrender its judgment into the hands of a select committee. There was wise and judicious in their decision might be. It would be expedient perhaps to postpone the report for that purpose.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary thought it would be better to postpone the report.

The Hon. Attorney General said the opposition was not to the extension asked for but to the rights of the petitioners, which should have been tested at the time that clause five of the original bill was passed. The present question was simply one of extension of time.

The Hon. Treasurer favored a postponement as the first bill had been somewhat hurried through the Council, to the prejudice of the rights of the petitioners. There was some division then with the Select Committee, and he agreed with the Hon. President that the Council before adopting the report should be in possession of all the material.

The Hon. Surveyor General was in favor

of the bill being immediately forwarded, as it was a matter of great importance to the interests of the country, from the fact that the petitioners' country proposed to be opened up was full of coal and minerals. Money would be brought into the country, labor employed, the price of coal lowered, and the quality, he hoped, improved.

The Hon. Chief Justice considered that the reasons assigned by the Hon. Surveyor General showed the necessity of acting with due care in this matter. There was a company in existence who had assisted materially in the petitioning country, whose interests were affected by this bill, as evinced by their opposing it, and the Council must not be too ready to grant everything asked by a new company to the injury of the one now in business.

VICTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Engineer's Report.

Victoria, V. I., January, 1866.

To the Hon. W. A. G. Young, Colonial Secretary.

Sir,—

In compliance with the constitution and regulations governing the Victoria Fire Department, and in pursuance of the Board of Delegates, November 6th, 1865, and approved by His Excellency Sir James Douglas, Governor, February 7th, 1866, I herewith transmit the necessary information required of me, and hope that any suggestions I may herein make will meet with your favorable consideration.

Of the location of cisterns and fire apparatus, as also the situation of the houses wherein the apparatus is housed, I deem unnecessary to give a lengthy account, as it is well known, as much as no changes have taken place since the last semi-annual report made by my predecessor in office.

The condition of the public property now in the hands of the Department, I am pleased to state is in tolerable working order, due entirely to the great care and attention given to said property by the officers of the Companies, the Deluge engine, however, requires more attention to keep it in order for any emergency, that much dependence cannot be placed on its durable efficiency should it be placed in action, from the fact that recently repairs are required to be made on the engine, and passed with slight amendments, when the committee rose and reported the bill complete.

POSTAL SERVICE BILL.

Council went into committee to consider the remaining clauses of this bill, commencing at clause 7, the Hon. Surveyor General in the chair.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31st, 1866.

House met at 1:20 p.m. Present.—Messrs. Holmecken, DeCosmos, McClure, Dickson, Trimble, Duncan, Cochrane, Denness and Carswell.

The Speaker stated that he had delivered to His Excellency the resolution of the House relating to the estimates and the estimate, which were graciously received.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.

The Speaker read a communication from His Excellency the Governor in reply to an address from the House asking for dispatches relating to the postal regulations in this colony, to which His Excellency referred the House to the Government Gazette, in which the correspondence relating to the matter was published. The Speaker also read the correspondence as published in the Gazette, and the House then passed a resolution asking the Governor to take such steps as he may deem proper to secure the postal service in this colony.

Mr. DeCosmos would ask if that was to be considered a reply to the address of the House.

The Speaker—Certainly.

Mr. DeCosmos thought that owing to the pictorial character of the dispatch, the answer was not satisfactory—these stars alluded to by the Speaker, no doubt, were intended to illustrate the matter, but without their being interpreted the House must still remain ignorant of their meaning.

CONVENEES.

Mr. Denness moved the second reading of a bill to prevent unqualified persons from drawing conveyances.

Mr. Cochrane said he was not present when this bill was introduced and was therefore ignorant of the reasons which the mover had given for its necessity. The hon. mover (Mr. Denness) however had told him that he would give him valuable information in the matter. He (Mr. C.) would be most happy now to get that information.

Mr. Denness said he had upon many occasions seen improper conveyances made, and that his sole was half full of such documents, and the public safety demanded the protection that this bill provided.

Mr. Cochrane admitted that mistakes sometimes did occur, but in his experience nine out of ten of such mistakes were made by clerks, and he thought the same was not a very serious matter.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Messrs. Powell, Duncan and Carswell were appointed a Committee to consider the propriety of founding an Orphan Asylum for this colony.

HOSPITAL AND FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The resolution of the House requesting His Excellency to pay \$5000 to the Royal Victoria Hospital, for the purchase of a new fire engine, was passed.

PETITIONS.

The Committee on Petitions submitted a report as follows:

In regard to the petition of Mr. C. B. Young and others relating to Fisheries, the Committee recommended that the same compensation be allowed the petitioner.

Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

FREE PORT.

The petition of the Chamber of Commerce asking a repeal of certain import laws as they impaired the integrity of the free port.

The Committee find that no laws have been passed imposing duties on Imports, and considered it inexpedient to repeal the Stock and Carcase Act. Adopted.

IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.

A petition from the Chamber of Commerce asking for the passage of a bill for the abolition of imprisonment for debt.

The Committee report that whereas the House of Assembly has taken action in the matter, it is unnecessary for the Committee to report to the House concerning the same.—Adopted.

ABSENT DEBTORS.

In reply to the petition from the Chamber of Commerce relating to the inconvenience under the present laws of serving notices upon parties absent, or about leaving the colony, the Committee recommended that a bill be introduced to carry out the views of the petitioners.

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LIQUOR LICENSES.

The Committee recommended that the petition relating to the matter be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CHURCH RESERVES.

The Committee recommended in regard to this petition from the Mayor and Council of Victoria, respecting the Church Reserve, that a Committee be appointed to take all matters concerning the Church Reserve into consideration, and report to the House as soon as possible, and that such committee be empowered to send for papers, papers and records.—Recommendation adopted, and Messrs. Trimble, Denness, Ash, Cochrane, and Dickson were appointed such committee.

FERRIES.

Mr. DeCosmos moved the second reading of a bill relating to ferries.—The bill was committed.

LIEN LAW.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, in consideration of his bill, Dr. Dickson in the Chair.

LOCATION OF APPARATUS.—Deluge Engine No. 1 and Hose, &c., situated on Yates

Dr. Holmecken was opposed to the bill, as though mechanics should take their chances with others.

Mr. DeCosmos said the bill protected those which the law could protect. If mechanics could not be protected that was no reason why mechanics should not.

The remaining clauses of the bill were passed without opposition.

FERRIES.

The bill relating to ferries was passed with the addition of a clause introduced by Mr. DeCosmos, making all monies collected for licenses payable into the general revenue.

The Committee rose and returned to the House the passage of the bills relating to mechanics lien and ferries.

Messrs. aljourned to meet on Friday next at 1 p.m.

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